Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

For the repairs of the breached tank under discussion, Government would get contribution. Under such circumstances, why should they not take up the work early?

Dewan.—

This is a work that should be taken up.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

When will it be taken up?

Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.—

This has been included in the next year's budget.

Dewan.—

The work will be taken up next year and completed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

At the request of several members of the House, the discussion on Government Business was put off till the next day.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMY represented that it would be of very great help to the members in discussing the general principles if copies of the bills were made available to them.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL observed that the members of the Assembly were expected to give their views only on the points mentioned in the statement of general principles. The bills would be ready only after discussion in the Assembly was over. It was not necessary to place the bills before the House. If that was done, there would be a lot of unnecessary discussion and the Assembly was not competent to express opinion on them. All that was expected of the Assembly was that they should give their approval to the general principles of the measure.

THE DEWAN drew the attention of Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy to Rule 8 of the Representative Assembly Manual and observed that it should be adhered to. The Assembly was expected to give its opinion on particular matters placed before it in the form of a statement. The other details should be left for discussion in the Legislative Council.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA said that, as copies of the bills were being printed for supply to the Legislative Council

Members, the same might be made available to the members of the Assembly also. He added that at least the particular section requiring amendment might be made available to the members to enable them to discuss the subject after knowing its details.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL observed that, in certain cases, Government had supplied the bills to the members, but they were not bound to do so, and besides it was not always possible.

THE DEWAN observed that, if it was possible to place the bills before the House, Government would do so. It was however not necessary to quote the various sections and the alterations proposed. Government were not always bound to do so. As far as possible, Government would furnish all necessary information in the statement of general principles.

REPRESENTATIONS.

No. 1.—Permanent retrenchment in the pay of higher officers, Mr. Settara Siddappa, Tarikere Taluk.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (on behalf of Settara Siddappa) represented that the pay of higher officers should be permanently retrenched. He said that it was not his intention to take much of the valuable time of the House by dilating on the subject which had been discussed in all its aspects in other quarters, and requested the Government to accept it.

MR. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY pointed out that, as the prices of foodstuffs had gone down and as there was a great need for effecting retrenchments in expenditure, the salaries of higher officers might be retrenched by at least 20 or 25 per cent. This would not, in any way, inconvenience them.

CAPT. Y. V. AYYA pointed out that the Imperial Government had proposed reduced scales of salaries to future incumbents and represented that a similar procedure might be adopted in the State also. Thereby, he said, a decent amount would be saved for being spent on more useful purposes.

MR. T. MARIAPPA pointed out that, though the reduction in the salaries of officers was 10 per cent, virtually it was not more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 per cent if the other concessions shown to them were taken into consideration. It was clear from the Dewan's Address to the Assembly that all possible measures of economy were being pursued to meet the present situation.